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Hon. Paul G. Gardephe  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
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Re: *U.S. v. Elijah Pough*, 23 Cr. 204 (PGG)

Dear Judge Gardephe:

Mr. Elijah Pough's sentencing hearing is currently scheduled for Tuesday, April 29. I write to request that Your Honor grant a continuance to the sentencing date and that the Court schedule it, if possible, for Friday, May 16.

I am currently on trial before the Hon. J. Paul Oetken. We are sitting from Monday through Thursdays, with Fridays off. It is a three-defendant RICO conspiracy trial with several alleged murders, and the government has estimated that it will potentially last until mid-May.

I am seeking this continuance for Mr. Pough's sentencing hearing for several reasons: (1) so that it does not conflict with trial in Cr. No. 22-293, (2) that I have sufficient time to prepare Mr. Pough at the MDC for his sentencing, and (3) that I can submit a more thorough sentencing memorandum while not in the midst of trial.

I thank the Court for its time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,  
*/s/Leonardo M. Aldridge*

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